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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on May 23, 2006 be extended for three (3) months, to and including November 24, 2006 (as November 23, 2006 falls on a holiday).

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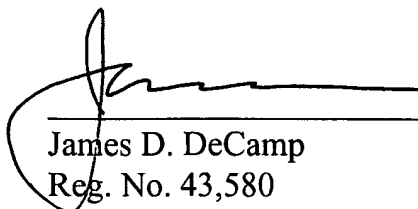
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